

## **Dr.K.Ramesh Senior Regional Director**

Dr.Kandukuri Ramesh completed his graduation (1984) and B.Ed.(1985) from Osmania University, Hyderabad. He did his Master of Arts in History (1987) from Sri Krishna Devaraya University, Anantapur. He did his M.Ed.(1989) from Annamalai University. Dr.Ramesh was awarded M.Phil (1990) and Ph.D. in History (1995) from Osmania University, Hyderabad. He has also obtained MA in English (2005), M.Sc in Psychology (2012) from Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad. He also obtained Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights (2004) from University of Hyderabad and Post Graduate Diploma in Distance Education (2015) from IGNOU, New Delhi.

Dr.K Ramesh began his career as Secondary Grade Teacher in Mandal praja parishad Schools, Government of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh during 1989 till 1992. Dr.K Ramesh joined Navodaya Vidyalaya Samithi on his selection to the post of Post Graduate Teacher in History in August, 1992. In 2001, Dr.K Ramesh was recruited on direct basis as Principal, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samithi and was posted at Jawaharlal Navodaya Vidyalaya(JNV), Chandrapur, Maharashtra and later he also served as Principal at JNV, Pedavegi, West Godavari and Palair, Khammam.

During his tenure as PGT and Principal with JNV he was awarded the National Literacy Mission National Award for his performance in the area of Literacy Mission. He was also awarded the NCERT National award for the innovative practices in Teaching. He was deputed by Government of India to undergo training programme related to the Secondary Educators to Japan under the Study Tour Plan during the year 1997. Dr.Ramesh as a Principal of JNVs is known for innovations and experimentations in School Education. The Vidyalayas which were headed by him were identified as Thinking Schools and Vidyalaya without walls.

Dr.Ramesh joined Indira Gandhi National Open University in June, 2011 as Deputy Director for Distance Education Council (DEC), IGNOU, New Delhi. During his experience at DEC he was actively involved in the approval of the Open and distance educational Institutes and Universities and distribution of funds from DEC. On dissolution of DEC of IGNOU, Dr.Ramesh was on deemed deputation in Distance Education Bureauof University Grants Commission(UGC) during 2013 to 2015. Thereupon he reported back to IGNOU and was posted at Regional Services Division, IGNOU, New Delhi.

Dr. Ramesh joined IGNOU, Regional Centre, Hyderabad in July, 2015. Dr Ramesh further served as Senior Regional Director for the IGNOU, Regional centre Hyderabad from  $1^{\rm st}$  May 2022 to  $21^{\rm st}$  January 2024. Dr Ramesh has been promoted to the position of Additional Director with effect from 29 June 2017 to  $31^{\rm st}$  October, 2024 and heading IGNOU, Regional Centre, Hyderabad in the position of Senior Regional Director.

During his experience of working with IGNOU at RSD and Regional Centre, Hyderabad he has been involved in activities related to promotion of IGNOU programmes, Establishment of LSCs, Admissions and Evaluation. Dr.Ramesh has participated in Six National / International Conferences. He has authored Four books and has published 12 Research Papers in various journals/magazines and published 12 articles in leading English and Telugu dailies and participated in Discussions in Electronic Media on Education. He has translated two text books of NIOS into Telugu Language.